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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The rejection of Claims 11-13, 15, 17 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 10 – 218946 is withdrawn.
3. The rejection of Claims 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 98/58030 is withdrawn.
4. The rejection of Claims 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thames et al (6001913) is withdrawn.
5. The rejection of Claims 11-13, 15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gloster et al (US2004/0006157) is withdrawn.

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6. Claims 11-16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kigawa et al (5798434).

'434 teaches a dimer diol with acrylic or methacrylic (see Abstract; 2:48-60; 3:28-34), as a coating substance (13:50-14:13). These dimer diols of carboxylic acids inherently have a flatting property. Clay and other solid materials may be present, which would inherently have a flatting property (3:35-62). As part of a coating system (3:65-14:13), any number of substrates may be used, but glass is disclosed as one substrate (12:30-40). The claimed degree of esterification appears to be met.

7. Claims 11-16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dershem et al (6121358).

'358 teaches a coating material or encapsulant (3:1-53) that comprises a diacrylate of dimer diol (6:1-20) as well as fillers such as silicon dioxide (13:24-37). Both the dimer diol acrylate and the filler would inherently have flatting properties. The claimed degree of esterification appears to be met. The substrate may be an inorganic material, such as glass (claim 22; 14:66-15:11; 1:55-62).

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Double Patenting

8. The rejection of Claims 11-21 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-26 of copending Application No. 10/553483 is withdrawn because 10/553483 is abandoned.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

9. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

10. Claims 11 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

“at least one” in claims 11 and 19 is new matter that was not in the specification as filed.

The applicant is requested to cancel all new matter.

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Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Erma Cameron/ whose telephone number is 571-272-1416. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571-272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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